

**Question for written answer E-001052/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fuel prices in the European Union

International oil prices have risen sharply in the past year. The price of Brent has quintupled since March 2020, causing very serious problems for industry, small enterprises, arable farmers and stock breeders, fisheries and the transport sector. All these energy price rises are creating huge inflation and are being passed on, in the last instance, to individual consumers.

1. What possibilities exist for reducing VAT on petroleum-based fuels to below 21 %?
2. Spain has imposed special taxes on petrol and diesel, including for its use in farming and fisheries. What is the lowest level these could be reduced to?
3. What other measures will the Commission take in the taxation field as it rolls out its REPowerEU Communication?